

CLOSE READING

with Mystery Pictures



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The History of Football

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The game of football was born in American universities in the late 19th century. At first, universities played a soccer-style game called "prince of Wales football".

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2nd Read Questions

6	Which idea is best supported by details in this passage?	Football was not always as we know it	Football requires players, a ball, and a field to play.	Football is the most popular sport in America.
7	Which of the following text structures is this passage written in?			
8	Knowing the suffix -or means "someone who", what is the meaning of the word sponsors as used in the passage?			
9	Which detail from the passage does NOT support the main idea sentence below?			

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FOOTBALL

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How to color the squares

- Put cursor inside the space or spaces you want to color.
- Select the paint can from the toolbar.
- Choose the color you need that matches your answer.
- Repeat as needed.

How to color the triangle and rectangles

- Select shape.
- Click paint can and then color.



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EVERY SET INCLUDES
1 FICTION TEXT
2 NONFICTION TEXTS
MYSTERY PIC FOR EACH

Passage 1-Fiction

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Football is for Boys

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"I'm Jamie," she said, her voice changing as she spoke, showing just how nervous she really felt.

"Nice to meet you, Jamie," he said with a sincere smile. Then, he turned to the boys on the bleachers. "Settle down boys," he barked. "Haven't you ever seen a lady before?"

"Yes, but not at football tryouts!" one of the boys sneered.

"Yeah," laughed another. "Football is a boys' sport."

"There's no such thing as a boys only sport," the coach snapped back. "Now, I bet you can run circles around some of you clowns."

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		GREEN	RED	WHITE

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Football is for Boys Writing Prompt

What made joining the football team more difficult for Jamie? How did she overcome those obstacles? Use specific examples from the text to support your answer.

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2	Which is the <u>trudge</u> in the passage?	Jamie will start an all girls football team.	Jamie will make the football team.
		RED	WHITE
3	As used in the passage, the word "prospect" means...	After an injury, Kelly was excited by the prospect of returning to school.	The team always prospects for talented players.
		GREEN	WHITE
4	Which sentence uses the word "prospect" in the same way as it is used in the passage?	1 st Person	2 nd Person
		WHITE	GREEN
5	Which event best describes how Jamie is probably feeling at the end of the story?	Cheerful	Annoyed
		WHITE	WHITE

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Key Ideas and Details

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Passage 3-Nonfiction

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Slowly, over time, the rules of football changed to what we know them to be today. For example, at one time, a touchdown was only worth 4 points. In 1912, the value of the touchdown increased to 6 points, and the game grew and developed, with the National Football League (NFL) appearing across the nation.

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The game of football was born in American universities in the late 19th century. At first, universities played an adapted version of England's football. This was more of a soccer-style game. The first college game took place in 1869 between Rutgers and Princeton. Even though the game was popular among colleges, Harvard University students preferred to play a game more similar to rugby.

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Describe how football has changed over the years. Use specific examples from the text to support your answer.

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		BROWN	WHITE	GREEN

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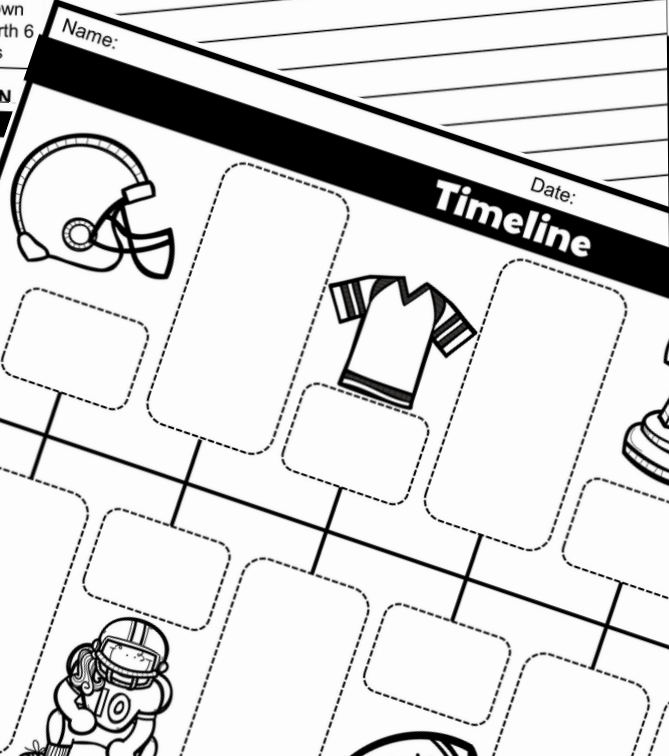
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2	The text states that the game went through several transitions. What is the <u>transition</u> mentioned in the text?	6	Which idea is best supported by details in this passage?	Football was not always as we know it today.
				GREEN
3	As used in the best detail, what does the word <u>transition</u> mean?	7	Which of the following text structures is this passage written in?	Compare & Contrast
				WHITE
4	In what year did the first professional football game take place?	8	Knowing the suffix -or means "someone who", what is the meaning of the word <u>sponsors</u> as used in the passage?	Someone who teaches a guide; someone who provides help
				WHITE
5	What was the first professional football game called?	9	Which detail from the passage does NOT support the main idea sentence below?	introduction of the sport was the inspiration for the birth of football
				WHITE

Timeline

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